

UXBRIDGE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 7, 2008

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Present: Chair Gretchen Duffield, Russ Holden, Al Jones, Harold Klei, Peter Lewis and Tracy Tibedo.

Absent: David Lewcon

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOI – DEP# 312-881 The Renaud Companies, off Rogerson Crossing (Rogerson Commons) (Map 12B, Parcels 3768 & 4561), cont'd – continued to April 22 meeting

NOI – DEP# 312-883 Tsimongiannis, 40 Douglas Street (Map 24A Parcel 713), cont'd – continued to April 22 meeting

NOI – DEP# 312-884 Brian and Karen Mages, 91 Albee Road (Map 41 Lot 2699) – cont'd. Construction of an addition to the house, and of a swimming pool, portions of which will be within 100 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Eric Larsen of Dymaxaeon reviewed the application. There was discussion that the dog pen should be relocated to at least 25 feet away from the wetland area.

MOTION by Mr. Jones to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, conditioned upon receipt of DEP file number. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion carried 4:0:2 (Mr. Tibedo and Mr. Holden abstained).

V# 1207 Healy, Michael - 280 Chocolog Road (Map 44, Parcel 272) cont'd – Mark Anderson of Heritage Design Group was present, as was the applicant. Mr. Anderson presented an Existing Conditions plan in response to the existing Enforcement Order. He indicated that wetland scientist Arthur Allen of EcoTech will prepare a restoration plan for the Commission's consideration.

There was extensive discussion regarding the changes in water level resulting from the beaver dam, which is currently deteriorating so the water will ultimately return to its original levels. The previously-placed silt fencing is now completely submerged. Mr. Anderson indicated that the restoration plan will include soil data, and will be provided in advance of the Commission's 4/22 meeting.

New Violation. James Trice, 10 Brookside Drive. Ms. Duffield indicated she had issued a Cease and Desist to Mr. Trice on April 1st because she observed that the vernal pool was being mechanically pumped out. Mr. Trice's attorney will follow up, but was not available for this meeting. Matter to be scheduled for additional discussion on April 22 meeting

OTHER BUSINESS.

Minutes. Motion by Mr. Klei to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting, as discussed. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion carried 5:0:1 (Mr. Tibedo abstained, as he was not present.) Motion by Mr. Tibedo to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried 5:0:1 (Mr. Lewis abstained).

Vouchers were distributed for signature.

Conservation Administrator position. Ms. DiPrete updated the Commission regarding the process of filling the Conservation Administrator vacancy. Ms. Duffield expressed concern that the job ad did not adequately emphasize the field work involved in the job. The Town Manager anticipates conducting initial interviews beginning at the end of next week, and is contacting applicants accordingly. Ms. Duffield and Mr. Lewis will try to be available for those interviews. Depending on the calendar day, either Mr. Holden or Mr. Tibedo might also be available. The participation of no more than 3 Commissioners would ensure that open meetings and personnel laws are preserved, and the Town Manager has invited Commission participation in the interview process.

Land Use Subcommittee. Mr. Lewis provided an update. Recent attention continues to include Pout Pond, where volunteers are working to preserve the integrity and operation of the facility. Nydam Landscaping will evaluate the fencing and recommend necessary repairs. High School teacher Mr. Berkowicz would like to store the canoes in the building. Mr. Lewis will request additional detail. The next subcommittee meeting will be on April 28 at 7 pm.

The Commission accepted Mr. Coffin's offer to discuss stormwater management issues and how area Commissions are working to administer the new EPA requirements, presuming Town Meeting adopts the proposed Stormwater Management bylaw in May. Mr. Coffin anticipates meeting with the Commission during their regular meeting on May 5

Adjournment. Motion by Mr. Klei to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Duffield, Chair